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| | | Title MULTI-TRENCH REGION FOR, etc. | |
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| APPLICATION ELEMENTS See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents. | | ADDRESS TO: Box Patent Application Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231 | |
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| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specification [Total Pages 47] (preferred arrangement set forth below) - Descriptive title of the invention - Cross Reference to Related Applications - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix - Background of the Invention - Brief Summary of the Invention - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed) - Detailed Description - Claim(s) - Abstract of the Disclosure | | a. <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Readable Form (CRF) | |
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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity | | Small Entity | | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
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| 101 | 740 | 201 | 370 | Utility filing fee | 740.00 |
| 106 | 330 | 206 | 165 | Design filing fee | |
| 107 | 510 | 207 | 255 | Plant filing fee | |
| 108 | 740 | 208 | 370 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 114 | 160 | 214 | 80 | Provisional filing fee | |
| SUBTOTAL (1) | | | | | 740.00 |

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

| Total Claims | -20** = | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
|--------------------|---------|--------------|----------------|----------|
| 27 | | 7 | 18.00 | 126.00 |
| Independent Claims | -3** = | | | |
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| 103 | 18 | 203 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 | |
| 102 | 84 | 202 | 42 | Independent claims in excess of 3 | |
| 104 | 280 | 204 | 140 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid | |
| 109 | 84 | 209 | 42 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent | |
| 110 | 18 | 210 | 9 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent | |
| SUBTOTAL (2) | | | | | 126.00 |

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| 105 | 130 | 205 | 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 127 | 50 | 227 | 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 139 | 130 | 139 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 147 | 2,520 | 147 | 2,520 | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination | |
| 112 | 920* | 112 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 113 | 1,840* | 113 | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 115 | 110 | 215 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 116 | 400 | 216 | 200 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 117 | 920 | 217 | 460 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 118 | 1,440 | 218 | 720 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 128 | 1,960 | 228 | 980 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 119 | 320 | 219 | 160 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 120 | 320 | 220 | 160 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 121 | 280 | 221 | 140 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 138 | 1,510 | 138 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 140 | 110 | 240 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 141 | 1,280 | 241 | 640 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 142 | 1,280 | 242 | 640 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 143 | 460 | 243 | 230 | Design issue fee | |
| 144 | 620 | 244 | 310 | Plant issue fee | |
| 122 | 130 | 122 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 123 | 50 | 123 | 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
| 126 | 180 | 126 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 581 | 40 | 581 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 146 | 740 | 246 | 370 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a)) | |
| 149 | 740 | 249 | 370 | For each additional invention to be | |
| 179 | 740 | 279 | 370 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 169 | 900 | 169 | 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | |

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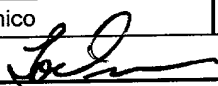
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